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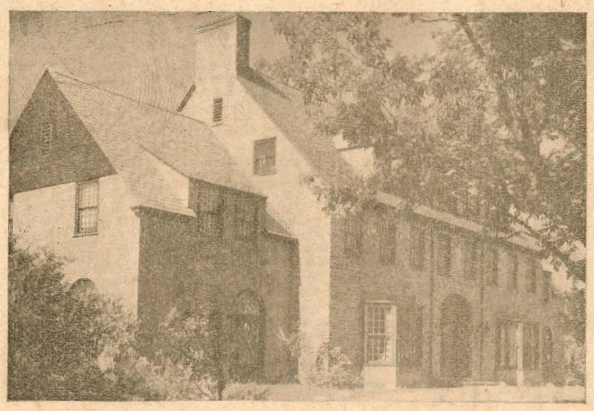

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
BY Archbishop Francis J. Spellman

O God of destiny!
Our nation, still bleeding from the wounds of war,
Thanks Thee for the Victory of this hour,
Won by our valiant dead,
Our soldiers' blood
Our country's tears.
We were not alone when we groped through the night of war,
When we drank the cup of grief,
Thou, Lord God of Hosts, wert with us.
For we were with Thee
O God of mercy!
Thou didst become our shield and sword,
When lawless nations rose against us.
Thou didst save us,
By Thy power that works in justice,
By Thy compassion upon our passion.
O God of nations!
Thou hast builded this nation in a vast wilderness,
Quickening it with the blood of many peoples.
Thou hast nurtured us in a chosen land
potent with the riches of the earth.
Thou hast made us into a mighty nation
Loving peace, yet terrible in war.
O God of law!
Thy laws are force, ruling planet and plant,
Disposing all things mightily and gently.
Thy laws are light, guiding men's hearts and minds.
By the measure of Thy laws nations and men wax and wane,
For what they sow, they also reap.
Thou wilt not be mocked, O God of law.
Make us to know and to abey Thy will.
O God of justice!
Repent not making os us an instrument of right,
Spending our blood, spilling it freely, curbing mad nations.
But grant that in Victory we not offend Thy justice
By revenge, sinning against mercy,
By hate, destroying also ourselves,
Turning upon ourselves the wrath of Thy judgment.
O God of peace!
We thank Thee that the clouds of war have lifted,
We pray Thee that the peace that comes be Thy peace,
Thy peace, which alone is our good,
A peace in obedience to Thy laws.
Thou callest us
To feed the hungry,
To clothe the naked,
To defend man's rights,
And God's rights,
And in that service,
To win back men's hearts to Thee,
And make man worthy of Thy trust in him
By man's trust in Thee.

WAR'S OVER

August 14, 1945

President Harry S. Truman announced at 7:00 P.M. that Japan had accepted in full the Potsdam declaration which calls for the unconditional surrender of the enemy. That is the message the students of Hamilton College heard tonight in Commons. Thus, the tedious waiting for the end of the war came to an end. The official announcement came somewhat as an anti-climax to us on the Hill.

Many of us refused to believe that we would hear any important news tonight after the false reports that had been echoing over the air waves for the past forty-eight hours. Yet, we all crowded around the radio in hopes of hearing good news. We were not disappointed. We heard the first few words "Japan accepts" and the rest was drowned out in a thunderous yell for joy. The war was over. The noise soon subsided, and we heard that General Douglas MacArthur had been appointed to rule over Japan. The Star Spangled Banner was played at the end of the announcement. Proudly we stood at attention - some with wide smiles; some with tears of joy in their eyes; some deep in thought. Already the chapel bell was pealing out the news of victory to the surrounding countryside, and continued til seven-thirty in honor of the triumphant news heard tonight. Dean Blyth announced that classes would be postponed the following day. All of us were tired from the premature celebration early Tuesday morning, but everyone on the hill was straining at the leash tonight to celebrate the end of the four year struggle.

Most of us on the Hill were listening to the radio early Tuesday morning as the chapel bell announced that big news was on the way. As the result of another false victory rumor, Hamilton students rang the bell from two-thirty Tuesday morning til nine in the morning. The bell stopped ringing when the news was announced that the United States had not received any message from Japan.

Hamilton now turns towards the future, and plans are being made for a normal peacetime enrollment. It was announced by the office that the end of the war will not have a big effect, if any, on the fall enrollment, but the road is now open. It will not be long before the campus is once more crowded with Hamiltonians.

COACHING SCHOOL OPENS AT HAMILTON COLLEGE

Monday, August 27, will mark the opening of a coaching school on College Hill. Sponsored by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, this will be the first coaching school to be held either in New York or the New England states in six years. Members of the coaching school committee are Philip J. Hammes (Chairman), Proctor High School, Utica, N. Y., Howard Vanderhoef, Hamburg, N. Y., Kurt Beyer, Norwich, N. Y., Ray Townsend, Ossining, N. Y., and William H. Elder, Newburgh, N. Y. Messrs. Prettyman, Bennett, Shute, Lewis and Beetle represent Hamilton on the committee. The coaching school, which will close on Saturday, September 1, will have a regular class schedule. There will be thirteen faculty member, chosen from the finest coaches, players and officials in the country.

Carroll C. Widdoes heads the list in the gridiron department. Widdoes, who was voted 1944 "College Coach of the Year" for his excellent work as mentor of the undefeated, untied, Ohio State team, will teach fundamentals, practice techniques, offensive and defensive formations, and forward passing. Ed McKeever, recently appointed head football coach at Cornell, and well known for his work as acting head coach at Notre Dame, will also be present. McKeever will instruct in the development and techniques of the T-formation. Rae Crowther, University of Pennsylvania line coach, will explain the proper workings of the forward wall, and Paul Bixler, end coach and scout under Widdoes at Ohio State, will teach end play.

There will be two members in the basketball department. They are Louis A. Alexander of Rochester University, whose teams have won 73 games and lost only 14 in six years, and "Ozzie" Cowles, whose famous Dartmouth quintets have piled up a record of 124 wins in 160 starts. Alexander will instruct in team offense; fast and slow break attacks; seasonal practice schedules, and progression. Cowles will concentrate on offensive fundamentals; man for man defense, penetration of the zone

COACHING SCHOOL continued

defense; delayed offense, and adaptations to available material.

The coaching school has been fortunate in obtaining the services of Emil Von Elling, track coach at N. Y. U. for 32 years. Von Elling, known as the "Dean of American Track Coaches", aided Gundar Hagg during that stars recent tour in this country. Three men will coach baseball. They are Roy Parmelee, former pitcher for the New York Giants, Estel Crabtree, former infielder and outfielder for the Cincinnati Reds, and the St. Louis Cardinals, and Al Geisler, National League umpire. H. V. Porter, executive secretary of the NYSPHSAA and secretary of the National Basketball Rules Committee, will also serve on the faculty. Mr. Ray Duncan, Illinois State Director of Physical Education, and closely associated with the development of six-man football, will be here to instruct in this sport. Conditioning and prevention and care of accidents will be lectured on by Mr. Jack Rourke, longtime trainer at Colgate.

The student body of the coaching school will be made up of over 180 high school coaches from New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania. Faculty members will be housed in the E. L. S. House, and students will be quartered in Carnegie and North Dormitories. All members will have their meals in Commons.

Schedule of meals during Coaching School week

The administration asks the cooperation of all students in observing the change in meal schedule from breakfast August 27, 1945, til noon, September 1, 1945.

Breakfast . . . 7:10

Lunch 12:10

Dinner 6:00

SUMMER HOUSEPARTY
TO BE HELD THIS WEEKEDN

The social event of the season that every Hamiltonian is anticipating will take place this weekend, August 24, 25, and 26. Yes, it will soon be houseparty time again. By way of explanation to Freshmen, a successful houseparty is one of those more pleasant events of college life which a student will remember throughout his entire life.

The houseparty committee, consisting of Knut Westlye, Torrey Dodson, Dick Carmer, Pete Ostroff, Stu McKeldin, and Brud Tarsches, is doing everything within its power to insure a successful weekend, but the final decision lies in the support given by the student body. In other words, get a date and come, brother; this is your party! The tax is six dollars, exclusive of meals. This is one of the lowest tax fees in Hamilton houseparty history.

The weekend events will center around the Emerson Literary Society House where the girls will stay. Both the informal dance on Friday evening and the semi-formal on Saturday night will be held here. The tentative program is as follows:

Friday, August 24th

1 - 6 P.M. - dates arrive
6:30 - dinner
8:30 - 11 P.M. - Informal Dance, E.L.S. House.
11:30 - curfew - hay ride

Saturday, August 25th

Morning - classes - (dates invited)
12:30 - dinner
Afternoon
Dancing, E.L.S. House
Tennis, Golf
3:30 - 4:30 - Splash Party (bathing suits, please)
6:00 P.M. Dinner
9 - 1.00 A.M. - Semi Formal dance E.L.S. House.

Sunday August 26th

12:30 - dinner
3:00 P.M. - sorry, it's all over

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB INCREASES MEMBERSHIP, HOLDS DISCUSSIONS

The International Relations Club has begun the semester with a considerably larger group of members than it had at a similar time in the spring term.

At the opening meeting of the term, Tom MacCabe was elected President. Other officers elected were Warren Schulz, Vice-President, and Ted Shaw, Secretary. It was agreed to hold meetings every other Wednesday in Room 8 of Root Hall.

The first discussion of the term was on the broad topic, the European peace settlement and its probable results. The opinions expressed were generally in one of two groups: (1) those who believed that the peace settlement and San Francisco Charter will be successful in their aims of justice and peace, and (2) those who said that there are so many flaws in both the Charter and the settlement that they will lead to war rather than peace, unless changes are made. The recent elections in Great Britain were discussed at the second meeting, with reports being made by Warren Schulz and Ted Shaw. One side claimed that the victory indicated that England would follow more "liberal" and democratic policies, while the other said that state socialism would be bad for England and the whole continent, and that America should certainly not be made to pay the bill for this British experiment.

On August 15, the club sponsored a discussion by four young ladies of the "peace caravan", a Quaker organization, on the topic of our treatment of present day Germany. The meeting was very well attended by both students and faculty.

LITERARY CLUB BEGINS SERIES OF AUTHOR DISCUSSIONS

One of the extra-curricular activities which was dropped last term, the Literary Club, has begun again by a group of students who are interested in English Literature.

The club, at its first meeting, elected Dave Tapper as President and Warren Schulz as Secretary. It was decided that meetings would be held every other Wednesday evening.

Two meetings have been held to date. At the first meeting there was a discussion of the poetry of Ezra Pound, a graduate of Hamilton who made a less distinguished record than did some others. A report was presented by Ted Younge.

The second meeting was addressed by Professor Nesbitt, who discussed the writings of Gertrude Stein. Professor Rudd, the club's faculty adviser, was alos in attendance.

At the next meeting (August 22) the writings of E. B. White will be discussed, and a report will be given by Dave Tapper.

HAMILTONIANS ELECT STUDENT COUNCIL AND HONOR COURT

First official organization of Hamilton's summer term students began one week after freshman induction with the election of the Student Council and Student Honor Court. Basing its elegibility of candidates on a representative plan, the student body chose Knut Westlye, '46, as chairman of the Student Council, together with Torrey Dodson, '49, Peter Ostroff, '48, Richard Carmer, '49, and Stuart McKeldin, '49.

James Castleberry, '49, was unanimously re-elected to the Honor Court. Other members of the court are Kenneth Moore, '48, Oscar Cohen, '46, John Connolly, '49, and Dick Crossley, '49.

A COMPLETE COVERAGE OF HAMILTON SPORTS WILL BE FOUND IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF HAMILTONEWS

CAMPUS CASUALS
by
Alex and Sam

Poor Alex and Sam were a bit confused, to say the least, at the collection of new faces on College Hill on July 2nd. The usual introductions followed, and to our delight, we discovered several characters who should prove interesting fodder for our editorial guns.

A great surprise was the arrival of Tuesday on Monday, which reminds us of a conversation between two local reprobates - Val Scalise's roommate and the Hermit of room C, while a trifle under the weather on a train. Said the hermit-

"I say, what station is this?"
"Wembly, Sirr, I think."
"Wens'dy? I thought it was Thursday?"
"So am I. Let's get something to drink."

The new "swoon boy" of Hamilton College, Stu McKeldin, is currently knocking them in the aisles in a twelve week engagement at the Clinton Theatre. Oh, if he could only sing.

According to Jon Quizz Kid, all persons on the Hill are members of Kaufman (.) Kollege, Clinton, N. Y. That's a new one to me, Alex. How about you?

We're glad to see that Dan Swartz has bequeathed his room and title to Gil Prentiss. Newly elected "hardest worker" on the Hill, Gill will really have to grind for his title when Dan returns in the fall.

Constant rumblings on the second floor ceiling are ample proof that "D'artagnan" Guli is at work again. Since he never loses, what happens to the bodies?

With the arrival of the atomic age, we sincerely hope that Hamilton College men will cease such outmoded methods of warfare as water fighting. Come, come, boys, don't be backward. Toss a few atoms.

In parting, it is curious to note the complete reversal of re-form of table 11 at mess. Such notable personages as "Socrates" Castleberry, "Rana Ormsb-iens", Jonathan "the point is" Crossley, and "Comman man" Carmer make interesting discussions. They sincerely regret the absence of "John Stuart" Schreier.

37 FRESHMEN ENTER HAMILTON FOR SUMMER TERM

Thirty-seven freshmen entered Hamilton College for the summer session. Most of them are from New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. New Jersey and Illinois are also represented. JIM AITCHINSON of Goshen attended South Kent, a prep school, where he played baseball and football. REED ANDREWS, who comes from North Hornell, graduated from Hornell High School. He played basketball and was co-editor of the school yearbook. 'RED' BURNS, a local boy, played football and hockey at Clinton High and at Kimball Union Academy. Before coming to Hamilton, he attended Saint Lawrence University. JOHN CONNOLLY spent two years in the navy before coming here. He plans on journalism for a career. JOHN DAPOLITO likes to be called 'DEP'. He has a mean golf swing, and comes from Endicott, N. Y. JOHN DAVIS, valedictorian of his New York Mills High School class, is the shortest man at Hamilton.

"BENDER" DERBY, a pre-med, attended Newark State School. ED DEWAN, who played in the band at Whitesboro Central School, expects to go into dentistry. JACK ELLERY was in the army five years and came here after a discharge. He was in Italy with the First Division. Jack wants to be a foreign correspondent, and revisit the places he has seen. ED EWER, a graduate of White Plains High School, intends to be a research chemist. PETE FALK was the first of the new men to leave for the armed forces. His home is in Ossining. J. 'FERG' FERGUSON played football at Hornell High School before joining the Ninth Division. His ambition is to take care of the books in a shoe store.

'GERRY' GULI, who hails from Rochester, is the fencing master of South, and a whiz of a dancer. GEORGE HARLAN claims he's going to be the 'Secretary of State'. Incidentally, he comes from New Hope, Pa., and attended Solebury School. TED HIDER, a member of the band at Binghamton Central School, plans to go into engineering. JON KAUFMAN, a clarinet player from Brooklyn, wants to become a lawyer. Fencing and golf are his favorite sports. FRED KELLOGG of Utica, played football, tennis, and worked on the school paper at Wooster School in Danbury, Conn. His plans: writing. 'SANDY' LANKLER is going into the ministry. Sandy, whose favorite sports are swimming and golf, is "crazy about college". BOB LEWIS, a pre-med student, was the graduating class at Pebble Hill Day School, all by himself. One of his many positions was editor of the school paper.

ROGER LULL, who swam at Brighton High School, is a stamp collector. STU MCKELDIN, an all-around athlete, comes from Winnetka, Ill. 'MONK' MEYER hates to be called 'TEX'. He came here after spending what he call 'two miserable years' at the University of Texas. PETER MORELL was the editor of the school paper in Watertown Conn., and intends to enter journalism. DOUG PARROTT, who attended Stamford High School, was a member of the a-capella choir and worked on the yearbook. He plans to enter the ministry. RONNIE POWERS, played basketball and baseball for the Rome High School, and is catching for the Hamilton baseball squad. GIL PRENTISS was valedictorian at Altaraz, a prep school. His interests center around music and biology. TED SHAW took part in dramatics at Great Neck High School. He intends to attend art school after leaving Hamilton. RALPH SHULANSKY, a native of Hartford Conn., attended Loomis School. Ralph plays the clarinet and owns a great collection of records.

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TO THE SENIORS OF 1969

Probably no other class has lived through more changes and crises than we have in our own lives and in the life of the college. We entered as the smallest class in generations. In our sophomore year we shouldered our wooden guns and drilled as complacently and as unconcerned as if America had been a spectator in the war. Next fall we saw the beginning of a new Hamilton with the coming of President Ferry. We witnessed the addition of the R. O. T. C. and PAINT NIGHT and other traditions. We also had the coldest and most coal-less winter in the history of Clinton, and then the leaving of so many of our men for the service--in short the most perplexing and extraordinary year the college ever went through. A tiny remnant stuck to the Hill through all this change and confusion. Dreamed of senior authority was taken over by the S. A. T. C. officers while Freshmen and Fate ruled our actions. But the S. A. T. C. finally left us, our senior rights and privileges were restored, and long lost members of the class began to return from southern training camps and overseas until the last part of our senior year resembled a great reunion. All of this took place during the warmest winter and coldest spring in the history of Clinton..

So dear reader, if you chance to read this in preparation for our fiftieth reunion- do not forget to tell the seniors of 1969 that we were the class of classes; that we lived through more eventful changes during our four years of college than any other class that was graduated before the days of aerial taxis and the League of Nations".

This exerpt is from the HAMILTONIAN of the class of 1919. I wonder if it might be something we on the Hill today could say if we deleted the weather, the dates, and added atomic power to the last sentence?

SAMUEL HOPKINS ADAMS TALKS TO THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY

Samuel Hopkins Adams, noted Hamilton alumnus and author of many famous books, spoke informally to the student body and members of the college community in Commons on July 27, 1945. Mr. Adams was introduced by Mr. Johnson, Secretary of the College. In his introductory words, Mr. Johnson brought out the fact that it was through the efforts of Mr. Adams that Hamilton College first had collegiate football.

Mr. Adams opened the evening with the remark, "Samuel Hopkins Adams does not lecture; he does not speak; he talks." He explained that in this way, the pained silence which accompanies lectures and speeches could be avoided. Mr. Adams dealt lightly with topics relating to journalism. At the conclusion of his talks, the audience was invited to ask the distinguished writer some questions. This period brought out some incidents of Mr. Adam's college days, his opinion on some modern literary writers and literary ethics, and his experiences in writing the biography of Alexander Woolcott.

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FRED STONE played football at Syracuse Central School. He is taking a pre-med course. CHARLIE TUESDAY comes from Trenton New Jersey. He too plays the clarinet, and his aim is to be a science teacher. WALTER VAN POPERING was salutatorian at West Sayville High, where he won his letter in tennis. DALE WILLIAMS played soccer, basketball and baseball in Remsen, but prefers not to talk about his golf score. BERT WRIGHT comes from Hamburg, New York, and plays a beautiful game of golf. TEDD YONGE did various odd jobs around Spencerport High School. Other members of the class are Peter Gacioch, Leo Rayhill and Hugh Smith.

THE BELL RINGERS
by
James R. Castleberry

As I tried to sleep after hearing that the peace flash Tuesday morning was not yet official, I was cursing and thinking about the foolishness displayed by those who persisted in ringing the Chapel bell. Suddenly the peals hesitated, faded and the night became silent. The oddest feeling I have ever felt swept over me. It was an actual hunger for the bell to continue ringing. I realized then that it would be unbearable for that bell to ever really stop ringing. I knew then that it is the bell ringers who make life liveable; that it is the bell ringers who have always given the world hope; that it is the bell ringers who make man realize that he has another future than to murder and maim his kind; and that it will be the bell ringers on whom the world, this time, must depend to keep the world in existence.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

August 19, 1945

All of us should be doubly thankful that we enjoy good health here at college; on the one hand, for our body's sake, but far above that, for not having to undergo the mental strain of visiting our college nurse.

I'm sure we're not the hypochondriacs that Miss Schimmel makes us out to be, and her gym-cutting complex is, to my mind thoroughly uncalled for. Certainly an hour's gym work is not so valuable so as to necessitate a student's placing one foot in the grave before the infirmary will award its hallowed yellow slip. Has'nt our nurse yet learned that "an ounce of prevention is worth a puond of cure."

The solution is not in ten little brown, white, pink, or even purple pills, if the patient is allowed to run about as usual with his cold, eye-disease, or what-have-you. The only preventative is isolation and prolonged (practically unknown at Hamilton) care.

The term is short enough and the work hard enough to dispel anyone's idea of a vacation in the infirmary. We don't want to be sick, and Miss Schimmel ought to realize it. We're not looking for sympathy, but only for what any decent medical practitioner at home would give us, scientific care.

Discontentedly yours
Arthur Schreier

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